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"WITH SWEETEST FLOWERS ENRICH'D, FROM VARIOUS GARDENS CULL'D WITH CARE."

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THE MASK:—A TRUE STORY.

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The Count could scarcely restrain the tumult of his feelings. Seating himself with her in a corner of the hall, lest they should excite notice, and become the butt of the company, he employed all his eloquence, and summoned to his aid all the promises he could think to prevail on her either to tell him her name, or what would be still more agreeable, to unmask. She long refused, or rather kept silence. At last when he conjured her by all that is sacred on earth or in heaven, and if she ever loved, by the object of her affection, she answered, but still not without apparent reluctance, "Well, your request shall be granted—I will unmask, but not here; if you know of any safe and retired apartment in the palace, and still persist in your curiosity, conduct me to it."

He instantly arose. "But, I fear, Count," continued she, "or rather, I am certain that you will repent your obstinacy." Instead of complying, he offered her his arm.

They departed. One out of the suite of apartments that ran the length of the hall, was chosen without hesitation for the favourite of the prince. They entered—the mask first stepped round to see whether they were alone. Being satisfied herself on this point, she once more asked her conductor, if he wished to see her real countenance? "Yes, yes; I implore the greatest of favours."—"Be it so!" removed the mask, and the Count sunk as thunderstruck upon the floor, for he beheld a death's head!!!

How long he remained in this condition cannot be stated with accuracy. To the care of the prince, he was, probably, indebted for recovery, before it was too late. He had cast an attentive eye upon his favourite. His *tête-à-tête* with a mask that nobody knew, the warmth of their conversation, or rather the warmth with which the Count engrossed most the whole of it to himself; the lively interest he took in this person, which caused him to forget all that was passing around him, excited no small degree of astonishment in the prince. His surprise was increased to the highest pitch, when he, at length, saw them both walk straight away from the hall. Gladly would his serene highness have ascribed it to some cause which is said not unfrequently to occur at masquerades; for then he would have heartily rejoiced at the cure of grief so profound. Such a change he, however, thought too sudden; the air of the conversation appeared too grave, and so open a departure from the company too incautious. That the Count had retired for the night without paying his respects to the prince, was not to be supposed.

As Count T—— had now been absent for some time, and did not return, the prince began to be seriously alarmed; he made more particular inquiries, and was informed that they had gone into a certain apartment and shut the door. He went thither; and after

calling to no purpose, opened the door, and beheld the Count extended in the middle of the apartment, with all the appearances of death. Surgeons and attendants were instantly summoned to his aid—all their efforts to restore animation were a long time ineffectual. When the Count came to himself, and seemed somewhat recovered, the prince urgently intreated him to disclose the cause of the accident. The Count gave a faithful narrative of the whole affair. The Duke was in the utmost astonishment, and would have suspected that the Count was delirious, had not his pulse and the testimony of the medical attendants, refuted such an idea. Nay, the prince himself had, with his own eyes, beheld at least some part of this extraordinary occurrence.

The strictest inquiry was now made for the mask. Nobody had seen her go away, or even come out of the room; and yet she was no where to be found. All the hackney-coachmen that were drawn up before the palace, all the gentlemen's servants, were interrogated; none of them had driven or attended her. At last, when they were all tired of inquiring, two chairmen came forward. They had, they said, been called about an hour before to take up a female domino, who came out of a back door of the palace. Being asked where they had set her down, they at first hesitated to tell—but when farther urged, they replied, "At the church-yard." They added that the mask had directed them to stop there; that when she was set down, she put an old ducat, covered all over with mould, into one of their hands—that she then went to the church-yard gate, which she opened with a single touch, and quickly shut it again after her. What afterwards became of her, they knew not. As far as their terror and astonishment would permit them to observe, she had sunk into the tomb on the right hand, as she there vanished from their sight.

In the very spot described by the chairmen was the family vault of the Count. There his deceased consort was interred. The door of the vault was next morning found open. No farther traces could be discovered; and in despite of repeated inquiries, nothing more was heard or seen of this mask.

It is easy to conceive that this event, when it became known—and it could not but be known the next morning to every person in B——, produced an uncommon sensation;—and many different opinions formed concerning it. The multitude took it for an actual apparition; another, and not an inconsiderable portion, assuming an air of profound wisdom, came to no decision at all; and a few imagined that something of human artifice must be at the bottom.

They justly observed, that a spirit would not have wanted a couple of chairmen to carry it away. "If," said they, "the spirits of the departed were actually permitted to appear to the living; if they could on such occasions assume the former body, with all its clothing and appurtenances, still this apparition was highly censurable. What was it intended for? was it a visit of punishment? How had

the Count deserved it? Or was it a friendly visit? in this case, neither time, place, or manner, could have been worse chosen: and it would prove that, on the other side of the grave, people behave still more inconsistently than they, alas! so frequently act on this side of it."

The sentiments of this last class were certainly the most rational; but unfortunately the virtuous Count had too much warmth of feeling, and too little strength of mind, to adopt them. He was thoroughly convinced that his wife's spirit had actually appeared to him, for the purpose of admonishing him never to forget her. He now withdrew, still more rigidly than before, from all diversions, and indulged still more freely in his sorrow and his love of solitude. No persuasions, no remonstrances had any effect. His health, already impaired, received a severe shock from the fright, and still greater injury from this mode of life—it continued on the decline.—Before a year elapsed, symptoms of a confirmed consumption appeared; and towards the conclusion of the second he expired. On this event, the apparition was again, for a time the subject of conversation; after which it was again forgotten, at least for a considerable interval.

About twenty-five years afterwards, an elderly lady of honour, the Baroness U——, was gathered to her right noble and illustrious ancestors. She made, as it is called, a very edifying exit; and by her will bequeathed a legacy of 50 dollars to the church and schools. Soon after her interment, a story, to which she had herself given occasion, by a confession made on her death-bed, began to be whispered in the higher circles. The substance of it was as follows:—

Count T—— had been in her youth the first, and, it might be said also, the only object of her affection. Encouraged by herself, he had, for some time, professed himself her admirer, and possessed her favour in the fullest measure. On her side she was perfectly serious, but probably he was not the same on his, for, in a few months, he suspended his assiduities, and soon afterwards publicly courted the hand of the lady who became his wife.—This conduct was thought extremely natural by the rest of the fashionable world, and Baroness U—— alone deemed it an heinous offence. With a heart deeply wounded at his inconstancy, she at first made some attempts to recal her unfaithful lover; but, as they all proved ineffectual, she had secretly vowed to take the most signal revenge. To effect her purpose with the greater security, she displayed in her exterior so much serenity and composure, that her acquaintance, and even the Count himself, were deceived by it. A new lover was received by her with the utmost cordiality, merely for the purpose of strengthening the delusion, and at length, she even succeeded in gaining the confidence of the newly married Countess T——.

Thus she continued to be intimately acquainted with all his domestic circumstances; she had always watched for an opportunity for

which Bonaparte dictated, when a cannon ball that tore up the ground before them, filled their eyes with dust. "How fortunate!" observed Junot with perfect composure, "I wanted some sand for my paper, and here it comes!" The *sang froid* with which this remark was made, attracted Bonaparte's attention. He demanded of Junot his name, and from that day retained him near his own person.— He has risen under his master to the summit of revolutionary honours, dignities, and emoluments. At this time he is Governor general of Portugal, Colonel-general of the Hussars, a General on the Staff, Governor of Paris, and Duke of Abrantes, one of the most ancient extinct Portuguese titles. His income, including the lands assigned him in Poland, does not fall short of 17,000L sterling a year. Junot is in the vigour of his age, of a figure uncouth and vulgar; his face seamed with scars, and his manners corresponding with his external appearance. He married, nevertheless, a few years ago, an Arabian Princess.

The Weekly Museum.

NEW-YORK, OCTOBER 15, 1808.

DIED.—On Saturday evening last, at his house in Newark, Alexander Cumming Mac-Whorter, Esq. Counsellor at law. His death is universally lamented as a public character. This gentleman was a native of this town; he had an early, liberal, and correct education, under the immediate direction of his father, the late Rev. Doctor Alexander Mac-Whorter. After taking the usual degrees in Princeton College, he applied himself to the study of the law, and soon became a distinguished member of the bar at New-Jersey, at which he practised with great reputation for nearly twenty years—during most of which time he executed the office of Surrogate of Essex, with great integrity. He was blessed with a sound judgment, cultivated understanding, elevated mind, and amiable disposition. His strong, discriminating, and distinguishing powers were rendered more useful and agreeable by the candour and liberality with which he used them—and although he advocated the cause of his clients with firmness and faithfulness, yet decency was never tortured with improper severity on their adversaries. He was heard with pleasure by the court, and listened to by the Jury and audience with delight,—while the dignity of his manners, and purity of his sentiments acquired him the esteem and respect of all that heard or knew him—even party pursuits, so apt to mislead the judgment, never seduced him into a dishonorable action—in whatever situation he was placed, he was the same honest, upright man.

As a citizen he was liberal, active, and useful; as a husband and parent, tender, affectionate, and indulgent; as a friend, uniform, sincere, and disinterested. A purity of mind that on no occasion was brook, regulated all his actions. He bore his illness with patience and resignation. He has left an amiable widow, with a family of young children; to lament the irreparable loss of so excellent a husband and father. By his death society is bereaved of one of its brightest ornaments, the profession to which he belonged, one of its most distinguished members, and his friends the consolation of his society and advice. God, who orders all things according to his infinite wisdom, has said, that this man shall be cut off in the middle of his age, and the midst of all his usefulness, and it is true—and who shall murmur or complain!

Newark Centinel.

Elevated Warfare—A singular species of duel has lately taken place at Paris. M. Grandpre and M. La Pique having quarrelled about a celebrated opera dancer, who was kept by the former, but had been discovered in an intrigue with the latter, a challenge ensued. Being both men of elevated minds, they agreed to fight in balloons. On the day appointed the parties met at a field adjoining the Tuilleries, where their respective balloons were ready to receive them. Each at-

tended by his second, ascended his car, with loaded blunderbusses, as pistols could not be expected to be efficient in their probable situations. A multitude attended, hearing of the balloons, but little dreaming of the purpose; the Parisians merely looked for the novelty of a balloon race. At 9 o'clock the cords were cut, and the balloons ascended majestically, amidst the shouts of the spectators. The wind was moderate, blowing from N. N. W. and they kept, as far as could be judged, within eighty yards of each other. When they had mounted to the height of about nine hundred yards, M. La Pique fired his piece ineffectually; almost immediately after, the fire was returned by M. Grandpre, and perforated his adversary's balloon, the consequence of which was its rapid descent, and M. La Pique and his second, were dashed to pieces on a house top over which the balloon fell. The victorious Grandpre then mounted aloof in the grandest style, and descended safe, with his second, about seven leagues from the place of ascension.

Lon. Pap. July 24.

On Sunday the 31st of July last, a young man of the name of Russell, was shot, stabbed, and scaped, between Kaskaskia and Boccoup rivers, by a rascally outlaw Indian, and a half breed Plankyshaw and Delaware; his friends may have his property by applying to the Coroner of Kaskaskia. The villain could not catch his horse. The saddle-bags contain a suit of cotton clothes, and twenty-five dollars and a half.

Louisville Gaz.

On Wednesday noon, there was found on Charlestown Flat, near the Navy Yard, the body of a young woman, supposed to be about twenty-two years of age; having two bundles tied on her shoulders, containing clothes. Her linen was marked L. C. and in one of the bundles was found a Philosophical Dictionary, with Ebenezer Westcott's name written in the same. The apparel was good; and the deceased appeared to have been a handsome person, and unaccustomed to hard labour. The verdict of the Coroner's Inquest was "Accidental Death."

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And sweet the vows which mutual loves impart—
Yet more delicious far, when Hymen's power,
From two, forms one inseparable heart.

MARRIED.

On Saturday evening last, by the Rev Mr. Williams, Mr. Harman Johnston, to Mrs. Richardson, all of this city.

On Sunday evening last, by the Rev. Mr. Nott, Mr. Nicholas Van Patten, to Miss Eliza Valkenburgh, all of Schenectady.

On Wednesday evening, at Brooklyn, Long Island, by the Rev Mr. Woodhull, Mr. Jacob Harris, merchant, to Miss Idah Schenck, daughter of Martin Schenck, Esq. of that place.

MORTALITY.

Thus courage, beauty, sentiment and wit,
Bloom in an hour, and bloom but to decay—
Life quits its suppliants as the airy sprite,
Before the morning gale flies fast away.

DIED,

On Sunday morning, Mrs. Elizabeth Jephson, aged 47 years.

On Tuesday evening, Mrs. Frances Jones, aged 76 years and 7 months.

On Wednesday morning, of a typhus fever, aged 70 years, John Murray, Esq. of the house of John Murray and Sons.

On the same morning, suddenly, Mr. Andrew Merrill, aged 41 years.

Early on Thursday morning, in the 28th year of his age, Dr. Henry Charles Kunze, only son of the late Rev. Dr. Kunze.

At Philadelphia, on Wednesday morning, aged 64 years, Mrs. Sarah Bach, only daughter of the late venerable Dr. Benjamin Franklin.

At Bradford, Vermont, on the 30th ult. the Hon. our friend John Jones Clark, aged 63 years.

THE TOMBS.

Ah! how peaceful are we
From existence set free!
In these cells, we nor tails nor adversities fear,
Soft asylum of woe,
No sorrows we know,
But the rest and composure of heaven is here.

Here in slumbers repose,
Alike friends and their foes,
The mighty are placed on a level with clowns;
Vain grandeur and pride
Are laid careless aside—
Even monarchs forget the distinction of crowns.

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THE GOOD MOTHER.

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The tender mother see surrounded
By her children blithe and gay!
Her heart with joy and love unbanded
Leaps, as they about her play.

While one with fondness she caresses,
Her gentle hand his little brother
Softly to her bosom presses,
And her knee supports another.

See him climb :—her arm extended
Gives the feeble urchin aid;
While her out stretch'd foot suspended,
For his sister's seat is made.

In their looks and fond embraces,
In their kisses and their sighs,
Their thousand little wants she traces,
And with care them all supplies

All at once they round her prattle;
She, in silence all the while,
Their half-formed words and noisy rattle
Answers with a tender smile.

If she attempts to change her manner,
And would severity display,
Her eyes when most expressing anger
Still the Mother's love betray.

So the providence of heaven
Watches o'er the human race;
From love divine to man are given
Treasures of unbounded grace.

The great, the rulers of the ball;
The peasant in his humble cot;
It kindly bounteous hears them all,
And cheers the high or lowly lot.

Its constant goodness ever sure
Distributes to all nature joys;
Impartial deals out pleasures pure,
And fond paternal care employs.

Oh! then, let man no more accuse
Heaven of rigour or neglect,
If sometimes it a boon refuse
Which most his wishes may effect.

'Tis but to nurse thy languid zeal,
To raise thy falling faith on high,
That disappointment thou must feel,
And long delays thy patience try.

Or, rather, *thus*, does love supreme
Its wisdom most conspicuous show;
And to refuse thee though it seem,
A favour even then bestow.

P. L.

There is not only *ingenuity*, but *truth*, in the following compliment

TO WOMAN.

Each creature's linked to that below it,
All nature, if observed, will show it—
And upwards still our search will prove
Each creature linked to that above.
Heaven, when it had created MAN,
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